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scribe private interests will be charged

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CANAL COMPLETED BY 1913.

Minister Squires Says Great Progress

is Being Made on the Waterway.

New York, Aug. 12.—Advice that

the Panama canal will be completed

in 1913 are verified by Herbert E.

Squires, United States Minister to

Panama, who has just arrived here

with his wife and daughter on a six

week's leave of absence.

"I believe that the canal will be

finished within four years," said Min-

ister Squires. "There is no reason

for any further delay. There are

now 55,000 men at work on the canal

and they are pushing the work

with great rapidity.

The sanitary conditions of the canal

zone are better than would be

found in a northern section where

so many men are employed."

A NEW SNAKE STORY.

Gets Tangled Up in a Spinning

Wheel.

Campbellville, Ky., Aug. 14.—Mrs.

W. C. Grider of Adair county was at-

tracted to her weaving room today

by the sound of her reel and opening

the door she was horrified to see a

large snake going around with the

spinning wheel. When the reptile

crawled on the wheel it started the

wheel to running. The snake was

unable to free itself and a number

of spectators witnessed the remarka-

ble sight for nearly half a day. The

snake, which was finally killed, meas-

ured five feet in length.

Negro Policemen in New York.

While Acting Mayor McGowan, of

New York, was addressing the Afri-

cans Methodist Episcopal Zion

Church connectional council Thurs-

day in praise of the Tenth Cavalry,

a negro regiment, at San Juan Hill,

some one called out "How about col-

ored men on the police force?" The

interruption was a challenge, and

the Acting Mayor, having to say some-

thing, replied, "Certainly, if they

pass the examinations." The Acting

Mayor probably had his tongue in his

cheek. Had he considered what

would happen in the Bowery if a ne-

gro policeman undertook to arrest

one of his Irish constituents? There

would probably be a very lively time.

—Baltimore Sun.

Tunnel Fire Subdued.

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 14.—At the

MELL TO QUIT CLEMSON.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCEPTS
RESIGNATION.

Will Not Retire at Once—Consents to
Remain in Office Until Suitable
Successor Can Be Selected.

Clemson College, Aug. 14.—The
Clemson board of trustees adjourned
this morning after having been in
session since Thursday night. No
information as to the proceedings of
the board was obtainable until a
journalist. In the matter of the
resignation of President P. H. Mell,
the board accepted the resignation,
but asked Dr. Mell to remain in
charge until a suitable successor
could be found.

For the purpose of looking out for
a president a committee consist-
ing of Senator Tillman, Col. Allan
Johnstone and Hon. Richard I. Man-
ning, was appointed. The committee
appointed to wait on Dr. Mell early
this morning to confer with him as
to holding on for a short while con-
sisted of Senator Tillman, Messrs. J.
E. Wannamaker and W. D. Evans.

Their letter to him says in part:
"Fuller consideration of the en-
vironment and a knowledge of your
own wishes have led us to arrange
for the severance of your connection
with the college. We desire to have
you continue in your office until such
time as we may be able to secure the
services of your successor. There-
fore, we ask if it will be agreeable to
you to preside over the college during
the opening and until we can fill
the vacancy in the best possible
manner."

Dr. Mell's Letter.

Dr. Mell has consented in a letter

to them as follows:

"I am perfectly willing to remain
in the office of president until Janu-
ary 1, if necessary, in order that the
board may have the largest possible
time to find a suitable man. I de-
sire you to convey to them that I
have a warm attachment for the col-
lege and that my friendship for the
institution remains unabated."

The report of the committee to re-
vise the by-laws was unanimously
adopted. These by-laws are based
upon an outline submitted to the
committee by Dr. Mell upon request
and as adopted they contain in a
satisfactory way the three general
principles contended for by Dr. Mell
when he tendered his resignation,
namely, the nomination of officers
and members of the faculty by the
president, the administration of the
affairs of the college by the president
without interference and the defini-
tion of the duties and authority of
the commandant and the president so
that there will be no conflict of these
officers and that the commandant will
have charge of discipline, military in-
struction, etc.

Wishes to Travel.

Dr. Mell now wishes to retire from
active college work and hence under
the circumstances he insisted on the
acceptance of his resignation. Dr.
Mell is upwards of 60 years old and
being in position to do so he wishes
to spend some years in traveling and
writing in permanent form the sci-
entific data accumulated in 30 years of
active work. Altogether, therefore,
he deemed this the best time to get
out of harness.

Prof. L. I. Knight of Crawley, La.,
was elected associate professor of
botany to succeed Dr. Shattuck, and
an assistant for the preparatory class
was authorized, the president to se-
lect the man.

No election of a director for the
agricultural department was held and
the president was asked to submit a
list of available and suitable men,
the board to elect at a called meet-
ing before college opens in the fall.

A resolution was passed asking the
legislature to amend the scholarship
law so that the Clemson faculty will
select the beneficiaries and so they
must take agricultural or textile
courses. The age limit for entrance
was raised from 16 to 17 years af-
ter this year so that the students will
be more mature and better prepared.
A tract of 140 acres of land ad-
joining the college property was pur-
chased.

A resolution was passed looking to
the erection of a separate building
for the work of the preparatory class
in the future.—Special to the State.

Drowns on way to Bride.

Gadsden, Ala., Aug. 15.—While
hurrying home to join his bride of a
few days, Sam Wood, a prominent
young man of this county, was drown-
ed late yesterday. Wood in his haste
undertook to swim the Coosa river
and was seized with cramps. The
body has not been recovered.

NAMES CENSUS TAKERS.

MR. TAFT ANNOUNCES APPOINT-
MENT OF 134 SUPERVISORS.

Wants Politics Excluded—Would
Have Office-holders Keep Clear of
Party Fights—Appointees From
South Carolina.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 15.—In a let-
ter addressed today to Secretary Na-
gel of the department of commerce
and labor, President Taft served no-
tice that any man engaged in the
taking of the census of the United
States who engaged in politics in any
way will be dismissed immediately
from the service.

At the same time announcement
was made of the appointment of 134
additional supervisors.

Outside of casting their votes the
president believes that census super-
visors and enumerators should keep
clear of anything that savors of polit-
ics, national, State or local.

In his letter President Taft orders
that the secretary of commerce and
labor and the director of the census
embody in the regulations governing
the taking of the census the rule so
forcibly laid down in letter.

Mr. Taft says that in appointing
census supervisors it has been found
necessary to select men recommended
by senators and congressmen in their
districts. He says he realizes that
this method of selecting might easily
be perverted to political purposes
and it is to take the census out of
politics, so far as the actual work is
concerned, that he has explicitly ex-
pressed his desires as to the regula-
tions.

The census supervisors announced
today were for Arkansas, Georgia,
Louisiana, Mississippi, North Caro-
lina, and

For South Carolina, viz: First
George Waterhouse; Third, William
Walker Russell; Fifth, Robert LeRoy
Douglas.

TO SAVE GOVERNMENT MONEY.

Thousands Inventors Offer Economical
Devices for Tying Mail to Take
Place of Twine.

Washington, Aug. 15.—By direc-
tion of Postmaster General Hitch-
cock the period within which de-
vices for the tying of mail packages
may be received by the postoffice de-
partment expired last night. The
plan is to save the government up-
wards of \$150,000 a year.

Twine is now used exclusively in
the postal service for the tying of
packages of letters and it costs
\$225,000 a year.

Approximately 1,000 devices have
been submitted in the matter of
mechanism, a broad range of appli-
cations exists, embracing adoption of
buttons in divers styles, bands and
fasteners suggestive of garters, large
boxes with compartments, sacks with
labeled pockets, rope and galvanized
iron clasp resembling a horse-tying
device, metal frames, straps and
hooks and eyes.

TARIFF FAVORS THE TRUSTS.

An Impartial Observer of American
Situation Says New Bill Discrimi-
nates Against the Consumer.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The Journal des
Debat, commenting on the tariff sit-
uation growing out of the enactment
of the new law in the United States,
agrees that reprisals on the part of
France would be useless, as the man
in the street alone would pay the cost
of a tariff war in increased prices.
The newspaper says the new Ameri-
can tariff favors the trusts by in-
creasing the prices of necessities in
the American market.

Dr. W. P. Jacobs Better.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Reports
from the Rev. W. P. Jacobs, who was
injured here a day or two ago by
being run over, are that he is pro-
gressing as well as could be expect-
ed. If nothing occurs to prevent he
will probably be able to go to Clin-
ton within a week. Mrs. Bailey and
Mrs. Mason, of Clinton, Dr. Jacob's
daughters, arrived today and will re-
main with their father until he goes
home.

Pellagra Epidemic.

Durham, N. C., Aug. 13.—The
eighth death from pellagra occurred
here today. The victim is Mr. D. C.
Mitchell, a native of Georgia. Phy-
sicians are unable to assign a cause
for the disease.

A freight train and a work train
on the Atlantic Coast Line road col-
lided near Florence last week. Sev-
eral cars were wrecked. No one was
injured.

EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

KILLED AT LEAST 30 PEOPLE
AND DESTROYED 362 BUILD-
INGS.

A Thousand Others Damaged—Wide
Area in Shiga and Gifu Prefectures
Was Affected.

Tokyo, Aug. 15.—Reports received
today concerning the earthquake in
central Japan Saturday afternoon
show that there were a number of fat-
alties and that great damage was
done to property. The number dead
at present is said to be 30, though it
is feared that the fatalities will be
greatly increased when the outlying
districts are heard from. The num-
ber of persons injured is 82. Thus
far 362 buildings, including many
temples, are reported to have been
destroyed and more than 1,000 others
badly damaged.

The shock affected a wide area in
the Shiga and Gifu prefectures. The
town of Ozaka in Gifu suffered terri-
bly. The banks of the Hida river
broke and the surrounding country
was inundated.

The people of that district fled to
high ground and remained in the
open all night. Intermittent shocks
were felt throughout Saturday night
and early this morning.

The mountain Ibuki, a short dis-
tance west of Gifu, emitted smoke in
the early stages of the earthquake
and then collapsed with a thunder-
ous roar. The formation of the
mountain was completely changed.

Slight damage was done at Nagoya
to the southward of Gifu, and neigh-
boring villages.

THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE.

What They Did, and Some Things
They Didn't Do.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 14.—Not any too
many bills were passed by the State
legislature during the 1909 session.
Of the few bills passed many of them
were of great importance to the
State at large while many others of
great importance were never consid-
ered by both branches of the general
assembly.

May give as the result of the few
bills passed, the investigation into the
suspension of S. G. McLendon, as
railroad commissioner. This un-
doubtedly took up much time, but
after it was all over, both branches
wrestled with the near-beer tax
amendment unnecessarily long and
then without any action of much im-
portance. The most important bills
that were not passed were the bi-
ennial session bill and the income tax
bill.

Here is a summary of what the
legislation did and just what it did
not do:

Approved suspension of S. G.
McLendon as railroad commissioner;
passed the employers' liability act
which gives employees the benefit of
suit even where contributory negli-
gence has occurred.

Passed the anti-green trading
stamp bill.

Passed the bill to provide for a
board of osteopathy.

Allowed firemen and policemen to
ride free on street cars.

Increased the appropriations for
nearly all the higher institutions of
learning in the State.

Passed the bill providing for the
election of county school commis-
sioners.

Made February 12 Georgia day.

Adopted a resolution appropriating
\$65,800 for the purchase of 87 1-2
acres of land for terminals near Chat-
tanooga.

Passed a resolution authorizing the
purchase of a new code by Judge
John L. Hopkins, of Atlanta, and
provided for the taxing of near-beer
and making the money derived from
this source in 1909 available for gen-
eral purposes.

The biennial sessions bill failed to
be acted on by the house, the game
law bill met a similar fate, while
the income tax resolution was tabled
after strenuous efforts to secure ac-
tion.

Senator McCurry's bill to increase
the number of Georgia colonels was
killed by the senate, the bill to pro-
hibit women riding astride died for
lack of breath, but the dog tax—that
unusual source of merriment—was
passed.—Augusta Herald.

Texas Drought Broken.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 14.—
Heavy rains fell throughout the Pan-
handle of Texas, New Mexico and
Oklahoma today, saving crops from
a total loss in the most serious
drought that section has experienced
for years. Cotton conditions are im-
proved.

ANOTHER CHINESE MURDER.

NEW YORK CHINATOWN BOILS
OVER ONCE MORE.

Discovery of Murder of Bow Kim,
Beautiful Chinese Woman, Fills the
Quarter With Excitement.

New York, Aug. 15.—Chinatown
boiled over again early today on dis-
covery of the murder of the most
beautiful of the few Chinese women
in New York, Bow Kim, 21 years old,
who came here from San Francisco
about a year ago with an American-
ized Chinaman, Chin Len, 31 years
old.

It was about 2 o'clock this morn-
ing, just as the usual Saturday night
revelries were quieting down, that
Chin Len dashed out of a tenant
house at 17 Mott street, crying: "My
woman been murdered."

The street filled with loitering
Chinamen and parties of American
"sightseers," all of whom quickly
recalled the sensational murder of
Elsie Sigel, the missionary girl, was
thrown into excitement. The police
hurried into the house under Len's
direction. The murdered woman lay
on the floor of a bedroom stabbed in
half a dozen places. Her slender
neck was ringed with bloody finger
marks, indicating a struggle with her
assailant. Beside her lay a hunting
knife.

It was evident that the woman had
been dead for two or three hours. On
the stairs were found traces of blood
and also on the door leading to the
store of Yuen Chin on the ground
floor. Three Chinamen were arrested,
although they denied any knowledge
of the murder. Six American women
who declared themselves to be the
wives of Chinamen were found in the
house and arrested, but none would
admit any knowledge of Bow Kim's
death.

In the murdered woman's room
were found many business letters
in Chinese, but none gave a clue.

Len's account of himself was that
he had spent the early evening with
his wife. Returning at 2 o'clock in
the morning he found the body on
the floor. In touching it he had soiled
his hands with blood which in
turn had smeared the door and stair-
way, as he hurried to the street. No
formal charge has been preferred
against Len, but he is held in \$5,000
bail as a "material witness."

RAILROAD WRECK IN COLORADO

Five Killed and Twenty-four Injured

on the Denver and Rio Grande.

Pueblo, Col., Aug. 14.—The Denver
& Rio Grande train No. 2, south-
bound, and the Denver and Rio
Grande train No. 1, westbound col-
lided just east of Husted, Col., be-
tween Colorado Springs and Palmer
Lake, this morning. Five persons are
known to have been killed and 24 in-
jured.

Both locomotives and many of the
cars in both trains were badly dam-
aged. The failure of one of the
crew to observe orders is believed to
have caused the wreck.

Atlantic City Wide Open on Sunday.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 15.—Sal-
oonkeepers and proprietors of
amusement places here today bade
defiance to the reformers and mem-
bers of the Lord's Day alliance who
are trying to enforce the Sunday
closing laws in this resort. Although
50 liquor dealers are under bonds
following their arrest last week,
practically every bar and cafe in the
report was open as usual. Extra
forces of bar-tenders were employed
to serve what is claimed to be the
greatest crowd of visitors ever gath-
ered here.

Taft's Columbia Visit.

Columbia, Aug. 14.—The following
telegram was received from the Presi-
dent's secretary today:

"Hon. W. S. Reamer, Mayor, Col-
umbia, S. C.: The President will ar-
rive in Columbia Monday, November
8, at 10.50 a. m., leaving 5.05 p. m.
Please have committee who are to
arrange for the President's enter-
tainment submit as soon as possible
wire detailed programme.

"Fred W. Carpenter,

"Secretary.

"Beverly, Mass., August 14."

Congressman Lever Unwell.

Lexington, Aug. 15.—Congressman
A. F. Lever has been very much in-
disposed during the past several days,
having been confined to his room the
greater part of the time.

Jos. H. Hair, of Newberry, for
many years the great representative
of the Red Men of South Carolina,
died at Riverside Infirmary in Char-
leston last week.

PELLAGRA IN THE WEST.

DR. LAVINDER DISCOVERS FOR-
TUNATE CASES IN ILLINOIS ASY-
LUM.

Clears Up Two Mysteries—Identification
of Disease Absolves Nurse of
Negligence in Supposed Boiling Pa-
tients to Death.

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 15.—Two myste-
rious cases in which patients were
said to have been boiled to death in
1904 and 1907, in a bath tub by
careless attendants, were cleared up
today with the announcement by Dr.
C. H. Lavinder of the United States
marine hospital corps that the pa-
tients evidently died of pellagra.

That peculiar disease, mostly due
to use mouldy corn, causes the body
to assume an appearance similar to
one that has been scalded to death.
The fact that both patients died in a
bath tub full of water is said to have
been a coincidence.

Dr. Lavinder found 40 cases of pel-
lagra in the Bartonville asylum, con-
firming the diagnosis of Superintendent
Zeller and State Health Commis-
sioner Egan. Dr. Zeller today issued
an order forbidding the use of corn
at the hospital until arrangements
are made for thoroughly drying all
corn products used at the hospital.

In 1904 a patient died in a bath
tub at the hospital and the books
show "boiled to death." The case
created excitement throughout the
State. The patient "boiled to death"
in 1907 was in charge of Anna New-
ton, a nurse, who for alleged negli-
gence was discharged. Dr. Zeller
yesterday recalled this nurse and she
is preparing to renew her work.

NURSE DIES OF PELLAGRA.

Lou Walcott, Graduate of Charleston

Hospital, Succumbs to the Disease

in Rock Hill.

Rock Hill, Aug. 14.—Lou Walcott,
colored, a trained nurse, who was a
graduate of the Charleston hospital
and said by the doctors of the city
to have been one of the best nurses
here, died on Friday of pellagra, af-
ter an illness of a year. Several cases
of this dread disease have come un-
der the observation of the physicians
here and some of them are respond-
ing to treatment.

Your correspondent's attention was
called to a case on the train between
this city and Lancaster a few days
ago. The patient was a white lady
of this city and the disease had taken
such a hold on her that she had
practically lost all of her flesh and
her mind seemed very much affected.
The physicians here are not inclined
to stick to the theory that the use of
corn is the cause of the disease.

DANCERS THROWN IN DITCH.

Horses Drawing Darlington Merry-

makers' Carriage Run Away.

Darlington, Aug. 15.—While re-
turning from Society Hill Friday
night, where they had been in at-
tendance upon a dance, a crowd of
young people met with an accident
just out of Darlington. In the car-
riage were two young ladies and two
gentlemen. It seems that the horse
took fright just as they were being
driven by a buggy and dashed off
so suddenly that all the inmates
were thrown in a ditch to the side
of the road. The driver of the team
held to the horses, and was dragged
for quite a distance, when the
carriage was turned over on him.

All of the young people are well
known here, and all their friends are
glad that no further injuries were
sustained than a few bruises and
scratches.

"UNCLE TOM" WAS SOLD THERE.

Kentucky Court House Struck By

Lightning and Wrecked.

Lexington, Ky., Aug. 13.—Lightning
struck the Court House at Washing-
ton, Mason county, in which "Uncle
Tom," of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame,
was sold, and the